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## Casino would be the Nation's fourth site

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

According to a report in the Beloit Daily News, the Nation still has hopes for building a casino in Beloit, WI. If approved and built, the casino would satisfy the 4th site approved in the Nation's Gaming Compact with the State of Wisconsin.

In October 2009, the Nation purchased 26 acres of land that had been targeted for the development of an off-reservation casino by the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and St. Croix Chippewa. Although support for the casino was given by local voters in a referendum, the BIA eventually denied the application, citing the distance between Beloit and the two reservations.

The Beloit area has been one of the hardest hit in the current eco-

nomie recession and voters supported the Chippewa's desire to bring jobs into the area.

According to Beloit Manager, Larry Arft, everything was on schedule when a January 2008 ruling by the Department of the Interior changed everything. Officials notified 11 tribal governments, including the two Chippewa tribes, that their applications for off-reservation gaming sites were being denied.

In reference to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

(IGRA) of 1988, then Associate Secretary of the Interior Carl Altman stated, "although IGRA was intended to promote economic development on reservations, it was not intended to encourage the establishment of Indian gaming facilities far from existing reservations." When denying certain applications, Interior officials relied primarily on the distance between the proposed casino and the reservation. The ruling noted that tribal members would not directly benefit

from jobs created at off-reservation sites and might have to leave their homes on the reservation to gain employment.

The Nation was originally opposed to the Chippewa's building a casino in Beloit, claiming that the area was part of its aboriginal territory. Because it does not have reservation status, it is unclear if the January 2008 ruling would affect the Nation.

Arft stated that in recent communications with the Ho-Chunk Nation, he has

received support and assurances that the Nation has been consulting with the BIA and is working to prepare the necessary documents.

A spokesperson for the Nation confirmed the Nation continues to have a serious interest in building a casino in the area. While no timetable has been set, the Nation has been performing due diligence and initiating dialogue, laying the groundwork for a successful application to the Department of the Interior.

## It is my prayer



*It is my prayer, hope and belief that the new year will be prosperous and all will continue to be blessed by the Creator throughout the coming year. It is also my hope that all native nations will be recognized as individual nations within this state, throughout this country and the world over, so we can more easily strive to work hand in hand with other governments for the betterment of the great Ho-Chunk Nation.*

President Cleveland



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## Big Brother/Big Sister Program seeks Ho-Chunk mentor

The Big Brother/Big Sister Program is establishing a site based mentoring program at the Ho-Chunk Youth and Learning Center in Black River Falls.

Children attending the Youth and Learning Center will be matched with high school students or adults who will serve as Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Matches will be made every week at the Center to play games, work on homework, read books, talk and engage in other activities.

Being matched with a Big Brother/Big Sister is a life changing for children. Research shows that participating children grow in self-confidence, do better in school and get along better with others.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters is seeking a half-time staff person in Black River Falls to recruit, screen and match volunteers and children. The position requires a Bachelor's Degree in Social Services or a related field and knowledge of the Ho-Chunk culture, language and traditions. Applicants must be sensitive to the needs of Ho-Chunk children.

A position description is available at [www.7riversbbbs.org](http://www.7riversbbbs.org). The starting wage is \$11.50 per hour.

To apply please send your resume and a cover letter to:  
Executive Director, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region  
1707 Main Street, Suite 438, La Crosse, WI 54601

The application deadline is January 21, 2011. Late applications will not be accepted.

More information about volunteering and recruiting children will be coming soon.



## Optometry Clinics expecting to update rates

Submitted by Lori Haun, O.D. – House of Wellness

The Ho-Chunk Optometry Clinics at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and House of Wellness have recently been informed by the optical laboratory that provides lenses for them that effective January 17, 2011 there will be a modest price increase. As a result, the Ho-Chunk Optometry Clinics must reflect this price increase in the cost of the eyeglasses they provide. Fortunately, this does not occur often and the last increase of this nature was in February 2007.

Therefore, the staff at both of the Ho-Chunk Optometry Clinics would like to remind anyone needing to order new eyeglasses to do so before January 17, 2011 to take advantage of the present prices. Both clinics also have appointments available for persons needing an eye exam. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the House of Wellness at 608-355-1240 and Ho-Chunk Health Care Center at 715-284-9851.

## Presidential Listening Sessions

2011

The public listening sessions are an opportunity for the Ho-Chunk Nation President, Wilfrid Cleveland and the Departmental Executive Directors to hear from you, Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members. The Office of the President will be holding listening sessions as follows. Please join us:

### Listening Session Information:

**When:** Monday, January 17, 2011, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
**Where:** La Crosse Branch Office, (Three Rivers House) 724 Main Street, La Crosse, WI

**When:** Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 4 pm to 8 pm  
**Where:** Green Bay Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI

**When:** Thursday, January 20, 2011, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
**Where:** Wittenberg Health Office, N 7240 Hwy 49 North, Wittenberg, WI

**When:** Monday, January 24, 2011, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
**Where:** Tomah ~ Blue Wing Community Center, 320 Epinal Road, Tomah, WI

**When:** Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
**Where:** Madison Branch Office, 1320 Mendota St. Suite 107-108, Madison, WI

**When:** Thursday, January 27, 2011, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
**Where:** WI Dells/Baraboo ~ House of Wellness, S2845 White Eagle Road, Baraboo, WI

**When:** Monday, January 31, 2011, 4:00pm to 8:00 pm  
**Where:** WI Rapids/Nekoosa ~ Nekoosa Community Building, 916 Chakh ha Chee Lane, Nekoosa, WI

**When:** Wednesday, February 2, 2011, 4 pm to 8 pm  
**Where:** Black River Falls ~ HHCDA Community Building, W8813 Mission Road, BRF, WI

The Office of the President and the Executive Directors will be present to hear your thoughts and take part in conversation pertaining to the Nation and the Executive Branch departments.

We hope you will participate and look forward to hearing from you.

## ATTENTION 2010 Tax Document Information that may affect you.

Greetings to all,

Please review the check list below and make sure that you have completed all items that are relevant to your situation.

- ☐ You will need to complete a new Form W-4 and/or WT-4 for 2010 if your withholding allowances have changed. These forms are available on [ho-chunknation.com](http://ho-chunknation.com) under Treasury.
- ☐ If you claimed exempt status on your federal Form W-4 or your state form WT-4 you are required to complete a new form for 2011.
- ☐ If you are currently claiming Advanced Earned Income Credit, after December 31st 2010, you will no longer receive the payments through your payroll check due to changes made by the Internal Revenue Service.
- ☐ Check the address that prints on your payroll check or direct deposit advice. This is the address that is in the payroll system and to which your W-2 will be mailed. Be sure to up date your address with your supervisor or the Personnel Department if it has changed.
- ☐ 1099's will be printed using the address verification supplied to the Enrollment Department.

**Effective January 1, 2011 there will be a \$5.00 charge for each W-2 or 1099-M reprint.**



**It is very important to make sure your current address is printed on your payroll check, per-cap check or direct deposit advice.**

Contact: Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department. Attention payroll help line @ (800) 294-9343, ext. 1240

## Correction

We apologize to **Berna Big Thunder – Hindsley**, for omitting her name and birth date of January 28th from the list of Elder birthdays.

# On the path to a healthier lifestyle

Submitted by  
Judy (Vera) Heubel RN -  
Ho-Chunk Health Care  
Center Nurse Educator

Hello, my name is Judy and I've been a Registered Nurse at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls for about a year. I wanted to introduce myself (if we haven't already met) and make you aware of the BASICS class held in Black River Falls starting the first Monday of every month and at the House of Wellness on a regular basis. The program is open to patients with diabetes and pre-diabetes, as well as support people (children, spouses, caregivers) who would like to attend for more information.

Just recently I began working as the Nurse Educator, joining the clinic as it strives towards improving the health-

care of all our patients. In this role, I hope to act as a resource for you as you navigate your path to wellness.

I believe that of all the health issues we face today - some of the biggest threats to the health and well being of our people are Diabetes and Smoking. That's why I would initially like to focus on improving patient outcomes in those two areas but I will gladly try to help with any health care issues of concern. If I don't have an answer, I will do my best to find it.

I'm excited to be working with the other team members here at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in our group diabetes education program. Although it's called 'Diabetes Basics' it really is an informative program for people at all levels in this disease process. As you may know, diabetes

and treatment options are always evolving. Since we want everyone to have the best possible diabetes control, we are striving to always keep you informed. I believe education is the key to living well with diabetes.

I hope you will consider joining the BASICS program; a 6 session program (approx 2 hrs) over the course of 6 months and HCN employees can use administrative time to attend. Anyone interested can register at the BRF Health Care Center to sign up, or call Tina McArthur at 715-284-9851 x5359, or Judy at 715-

284-9851 x5330.

Besides BRF and the House of Wellness, there has also been a class in Tomah. Holding a class in the outlying areas will be contingent on the amount of interest we have in those areas, so don't forget to give us a call and get signed up. We are encouraged, and seeing improvements already in the patients enrolled, we would like to get as many people involved as possible.

At this time, the BASICS program is only open to Native American participants, due to grant funding restric-

tions. In a continued effort to enhance the health of the Ho-Chunk Nation and its employees, President Cleveland has offered administrative leave to all employees attending the BASICS program.

I'm proud to be part of the progressive care team here at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and hope that I can be of service to you. I will be more than happy to meet with you on an individual basis. Just give our appointment desk a call and they will arrange an appointment time.

## Start training now for the La Crosse Fitness Festival

Submitted by  
Kathleen Clemons,  
Exercise  
Physiologist

This year the La Crosse Fitness Festival will be held on April 30th and May 1st. There are a wide variety of events to choose from including the following: 5K walk and run, half and full marathon, marathon relay, Coulee Region bike tour, uphill cycling time trial, cycling criterium and children's events including a 100 and 800 yard race.

The Ho-Chunk Nation is one of the sponsors so we would encourage you to start training now and join in the fun! We have had good participation in the past couple years but we can always increase that. Early registration ends on February 28th and then rates go up. You then have until April 25th to get registered for the events.



Check out [www.lacrossefitnessfestival.com](http://www.lacrossefitnessfestival.com) for more information.

I will be putting a 5K training program in the paper in the next couple weeks and am also thinking of starting a running club for beginners sometime in March. Most runs would be held in the Black River Falls area. Training in March would give you time to get ready for the La Crosse Festival and the Louella Blackdeer Run. Give me a call if you would be interested. 715-284-9851, ext 5308. Make 2011 the year you commit to great health.

### FITNESS CLASSES FOR 2011 FOR THE BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA

**Exercise Lite: Mondays, 4:00, Clinic Conference Room (except for the 1st Monday of the month, class is held at the same time and place on Tuesday). This is a low to moderate intensity class and includes chair aerobics, circuit workouts or low impact aerobics. Class type rotates weekly or bi-weekly. 30 minutes in length.**

**Body Shapers: Wednesdays, 4:00, Clinic Conference Room. This is a high intensity and strenuous class that includes interval, strength and core training. Please call Kathleen before attending this class if you have health concerns - modifications can be made for you. 45 minutes in length.**

**Elder Fitness: Wednesdays, 10:30 BRF TAU. This is a lower intensity class that includes either circuit workouts or chair aerobics. 30 minutes in length.**

**Please contact Kathleen Clemons if you have any questions regarding your health and safety for exercise. I am happy to make modifications to your workout so you can participate (715-284-9851, ext 5308).**

**Medical clearance may be needed to begin an exercise program.**

**Participation in classes is voluntary, participant assumes all risk and it is up to the participant to notify the instructor of any health conditions that exist prior to attending class.**

**Class schedule subject to change without notice.**



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# A financially sound resolution

Sara L. Peterson  
Staff Writer

In a struggling economy perhaps one of the best resolutions one can make for 2011, is to become financially stable. For some this may be an unknown territory, few have mastered the art of being fiscally fit. There is a lot of hard work and budgeting involved but it is entirely possible for everyone to attain.

The most important thing and the first thing a person needs to do is take a look at your debts and find a way to pay it down. For some this may mean cutting back on such luxuries as an expensive five dollar cup of coffee a day. Just one cup a day means you spend thirty five dollars a week on coffee. Those thirty five dollars a week will make a large impact on your debt.

Small things we can do are cut back on how much we spend by making a budget. Include in your budget all your debts, payments, bills, groceries, gas, entertainment and anything you spend money on. Collect every receipt you can for one month and see where you're spending unnecessarily. Those funds can be used to pay off your debts in less time.

In hard times it is a necessity to have a backup plan or emergency financial security. What this means is a savings that contains at least three months of living expenses. That means you save enough for all your bills, loan payments, mortgage or rent payments, fuel, and any other monthly expenses. Three months worth will get you started but the ideal is six

months worth. In the case of a lost job or illness you will have a pillow to fall back on. Now this doesn't mean you wait till your funds run dry to start looking for new employment. If you choose to wait you will accidentally run yourself up more debt, by using credit cards or more loans to make your monthly living expenses. It is very easy to get started saving. All you need is a savings account and decide how much you want to deposit into it. The amount you should deposit is only what you feel comfortable with. Whether it's a dollar a week or one hundred dollars a month the choice is yours.

No matter what your age it is never too late to start planning for your retirement. If your company offers a 401K consider taking a plan out.

Every dollar that you save today will benefit your tomorrow. How much you choose to save is up to you. Talking with a representative about 401K can give you advice on how much you should be saving and how much will be available to you when you do retire.

Life Insurance is always a good thing to have. Many companies offer very good life insurance for a low monthly payment. Some employers also offer life insurance to their employees. If you don't have life insurance it is worth looking into. A big expense for many parents is their children's college education. The sooner you start planning for their tuition the better. There are college savings accounts and also some colleges are offering a plan

where you can pay your child's tuition over a period of time for today's tuition costs. The only catch being your child has to attend that college.

These are just a few steps that will help you gain control of your finances in 2011. Once you build a sense of security for yourself and get your debts paid down the benefits that become available to you are endless. Your credit rating will go which means if you need to take out a vehicle loan or mortgage you will receive the best interest rate available to you. If hard times do befall you, you will be prepared and ready to face those times head on.

## The Nation's BIA Roads Division helps bring communities together

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

As part of the Nation's commitment to be a good neighbor in the communities where its members live and work, the Nation's BIA Roads Division works on projects designed to benefit those tribal members, the Nation's infrastructure and the general public throughout a 14 county area in Wisconsin.

Speaking from his Tomah office, Transportation Planner Jon Schrader explained the Nation is allocated funds from the BIA Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program and uses that funding to plan, design, construct and maintain public roads that provide direct or indirect access to Indian reservation land, Indian trust and fee land, restricted Indian land and Native Alaska villages.

Schrader continued that each year the Nation works with officials from throughout the 14 county area planning and prioritizing projects. He explained that each year, the division's goal is to allocate 60 percent of its efforts to tribal projects (road improvements designed to most benefit tribal members) and 40 percent to co-op projects that involve working with the county and other agencies.

He stressed that the amount of money the Nation receives is driven by how many roads are on the Nation's BIA Road Inventory List that is made up of state, county, township and tribal roads. He stated that in 2010 the Nation completed nine projects (including improvements done near Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa with federal stimulus money) and that in 2011 the goal is to complete 11 projects. Currently the BIA Roads Division has allotted and set aside money for seven tribal and five co-op projects. Those projects include:

- County Hwy K in Jackson County
- County Hwy G in Monroe/Juneau Counties
- County Highway Q in Shawano County
- Kickapoo Valley Bridge in Vernon County
- Freedom Road in Monroe County
- Eureka Road in Monroe County
- Winneshiek property in Jackson County
- West Bauer Road in Jackson County
- Castle Mound Road in Jackson County
- Low Cloud Road in Jackson County
- Shady Lane in Sauk County

When the BIA Roads Division considers a project, a decision will now be made using a rating system that will take into account a number of factors, including current safety concerns and the accident history of the road. Studies will help determine if the road or structure is structurally deficient and/or functionally obsolete. For example, in some cases, a road's curves may need to be realigned or intersections along the road need to be improved.

Schrader continued that as part of the selection process, the Roads Division also considers what Ho-Chunk Nation facilities are near or on the road being considered for improvements. Priority is given to medical and dental clinics, Head Start facilities and schools, elder and community centers, villages, cultural and religious sites, administration buildings.

Schrader added that along with completing nine projects in 2010, the Nation's BIA Roads Division played a key role in a dispute that eventually was resolved in the Nation's favor.

When planning to improve the intersection of Shady Lane and White Eagle Road

near the House of Wellness, the Nation was told it would be responsible for the cost associated with moving utility lines in the area and challenged that decision. The Public Service Commission later ruled that the Nation is a public entity and that the utility company was responsible for the cost of any utility work needed to improve the road. "It was a significant ruling," Schrader said. In addition to saving the Nation approximately \$ 400,000 on the project which is now scheduled to begin this year, he believes the ruling will have a positive effect on the Nation and other tribes in the future.

Throughout Ho-Chunk Country, County Highway Commissioners credit the Na-

tion for being good neighbors and using BIA money to improve the roads for everyone. Following the recent Highway Commissioners Meeting held in Tomah, three county officials wrote Schrader and noted the important role the Nation's BIA Roads Division has played in making their roads safer.

Douglas Passineau of Wood County stated "the BIA has spent and continues to spend, a lot of money at the county level. Those funds, and our relationship with the BIA, would be extremely important to us in times of plenty but are even more so during the lean budgets under which we all operate right now. Your assistance in helping us to achieve our current and future goals is

invaluable."

Randy Anderson of Jackson County wrote: "It truly impresses me that Rep. (Greg) Littlejohn takes time out of his busy schedule to welcome and address us participants. I believe these meetings are very beneficial to all that participate and help create a tighter bond between the counties, the BIA and the Ho-Chunk Nation."

Dennis Weiss of Juneau County thanked the Nation and the BIA for helping fund road improvement projects in Juneau County. "We know that without the financial help your organization gives us, this would be difficult, if not impossible, for us to budget for."

## Social Security payroll tax cut for 2011

### *Payroll Tax Holiday reduces tax by two percent*

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

As part of changes authorized in the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act passed by Congress last year, beginning on January 1, 2011, most workers can expect to see larger paychecks.

The employees' share of the Social Security Tax, previously paid at a rate of 6.2 percent by both the employer and the employee

has been reduced to 4.2 percent for 2011.

A spokesperson for the Ho-Chunk Nation Payroll Department said employees will see the difference in their first paycheck of 2011.

It is expected that the lower rate will likely be for 2011 only.

# General Primary Election introduces new requirement

*Legislative candidates must have a four-year college degree*

John Kozlowicz  
Staff Writer

On May 5, 2009, registered Ho-Chunk voters who participated in a BIA sponsored Secretarial Election changed the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. Among the changes was the approval of an amendment that requires anyone seeking a seat on the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature after June 20, 2009 possess a four-year college degree from an accredited

institution of higher learning.

Passed by a vote of 217-168 Amendment D is a response to Resolution # 11 passed at the 2004 General Council. At that time, members voted 614-588 with 90 abstentions, that their elected legislators hold a college degree.

The scheduled March 8 General Primary Election marks the first time the education requirement will be a part

of the certification process by the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board.

Constitutional Article V, Section 7 states "Members of the Legislature shall be at least twenty five (25) years old and eligible to vote and shall possess a four-year baccalaureate degree conferred by an accredited institution of higher education."

Those that still hold a duly elected Legislative seat do not

need to meet the new requirement until the next election cycle when their seats become vacant. The current legislators who terms expire this year and who do not meet the new constitutional requirement will not be certified as candidates by the Ho-Chunk Election Board. This includes anyone seeking to fill the seat as a write-in candidate.

The Legislative seats scheduled to be contested on March

8 and the current legislators filling the seat include: District 1-Clarence Pettibone, District 2-Roberta Decorah, District 3-Lawrence Walker, Jr., District 4-Dan Brown and District 5-Kathleen Lone Tree Whiterabbit.

On January 10, the Election Board confirmed that there were candidates nominated in all districts. The Board expects to complete the certification process by February 6.

# Nation expands its networking

Sara L. Peterson  
Staff Writer

More and more companies and small businesses are using media outlets to advertise and promote their endeavor. The Ho-Chunk Nation is no different. We joined in the web networking with the Ho-Chunk Nation web page. The site offers valuable information on events, legislation, and employment opportunities. As of lately we have expanded to the popular social networking site Facebook, Twitter and YouTube all managed by Ho-Chunk Nation's Public Relations Officer, Anne Thundercloud.

For those who are not familiar with Facebook, it's a site that was started predominately for the younger generation. Gradually it has evolved to become an excellent public relations and advertising outlet to everyone from business owners to politicians, with millions of fans and viewers. These pages can be viewed and "liked" by people from all around the world. It was

even rated as 2010's leading social network.

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Facebook page has "fans" from all over the United States as well as internationally. Currently the page has over 2,500 "fans" with the number increasing daily. There are over 200 fans from other countries. The Facebook page helps us reach the younger generation and keeps them informed of events and happenings of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The page also provides an up to date source of information to tribal members that are living in other states. In a post made by an individual from Arizona, she said, "I live in Arizona and miss my friends and family in the Ho-Chunk Nation. Great to see your Facebook site." There are many appreciative members that have posted their thanks on the site from a "thank you" to "I love the pics".

This site is linked to the Twitter and YouTube sites and everything is up to the minute

coverage of events and happenings with the Ho-Chunk Nation. The goal of these social networking sites is to allow other people access to our people and culture. With this access to a wide variety of people from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, more and more people will be able to know about the Ho-Chunk Nation. Just recently with the beginning of the election season, candidates have begun to post their candidacy, and their political views. This could be a huge opening for the candidates as it could encourage more of the younger tribal members to get involved and vote.

With news always being the forefront of the Hocak Worak we will present a fresh look for the hocakworak.com website in the beginning weeks of February. It is vital to tribal members to know what is happening within the Ho-Chunk Nation, which is another way for members to access current information.

Public Relations have al-



**Anne Thundercloud - Public Relations Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation and the face behind keeping our people informed through social networking.**

ways been an important goal of the Ho-Chunk Nation and this new technological advancement will benefit that goal. Web networking and so-

cial networking will be a tool that we can use to move forward in the years to come.

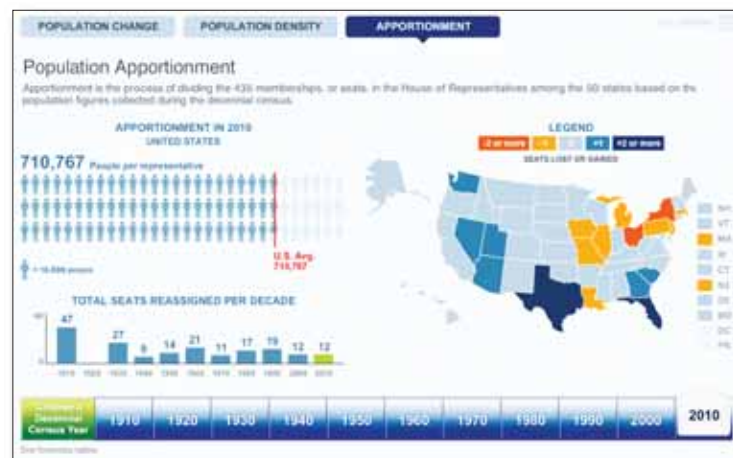
# 2010 Census Update

Submitted by  
Sandi Blackdeer  
Planning & Development  
Administrative Assistant

President Obama was presented with the 2010 U.S. Census on December 21, 2010, ten days ahead of the scheduled date. The new numbers show an increase in the State of Wisconsin but not enough for the U.S. Government to increase membership or seats in the House of Representatives. Future issues of the Hocak Worak will provide an update on how the numbers may affect Ho-Chunk communities.

## Take note:

- Decennial Census - taken every 10 years to collect information about the people and housing of the United States
- First results from Census 2010 will be available on the NEW American FactFinder in February 2011.



# Regaining the Ho-Chunk language and moving forward

Submitted by  
Leah Thompson,  
Project Manager - Hoocak  
Waazijia Hacı Language  
Division

Using new technology and teaching tools, the Ho-Chunk Nation Language Division is continuing its effort to help tribal members and others learn the language by gathering the materials needed to help today's learners pass on their knowledge to future generations.

This past year, the staff has been working in conjunction with school districts on making a standardized curriculum that could be used with expansion of classes to areas such as: Black River Falls, WI Dells, Tomah, and the Nekoosa charter school.

In 2010, Curriculum Developer Toree Jones M.ED was hired by the Language Division to help give the academic background needed to make the expansion possible. Currently Ho-Chunk 1 is offered live at Black River Falls High School and at the same time is viewed via Interactive TV by learners attending Wisconsin Dells High School. Live classes are held at Tomah High School and the Nekoosa charter school. Current teachers include Master Speakers and the Division is working to

get those speakers and future teachers certified by the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Jones added that a syllabus has been approved whereby the DPI would recognize teaching of Ho-Chunk just like they do any foreign language. She explained that all the teachers are using the same materials and share a standardized curriculum. "We've got everyone on the same page," she said. She added the Division is looking to expand the program to the elementary and middle school levels.

The Language Division is excited to see the growth of the daycare as producing the first generation of Hoocak speakers since the 1950's. The daycare, held at the Whirling Thunder Ranch setting provides an immersion setting to make this possible. Teacher Chloris Lowe, Sr. assisted by Language Apprentices, is teaching the language to six students ranging from eight months to four years old four days a week. Parents or guardians of the children are also required to take language classes and are encouraged to speak the language at home.

Currently the Language Division is working on an ANA grant on the 4 seasons in



(Seated left to right): Language Apprentice Carlyle Greendeer, Project Manager Leah Thompson, Curriculum Developer Toree Jones and Master Speaker Andrew Thundercloud gather for an impromptu learning session. Joining them are Multi-Media Specialist Daryl Lonetree and Graphic Artist Dianne Low.

order to gather materials. With the efforts of the elder speakers in the community, the Division is looking forward to new material being made. In order for this to happen, *there is a need from the community on photos, knowledge of crafts, and stories.*

Now available to everyone, the Language Division's website is being further developed for those that are in the outlying areas without speakers and this will be an ongoing project. Those interested are encouraged to check out the Language Division's website at [www.hocak.info](http://www.hocak.info). Language Division Graphic Artist Dianne Low said the site "gets about 100,000 hits a month worldwide," an indication

that the interest is there. She believes that making the site more accessible has created an interest. She added that because speaking foreign or different languages is becoming more acceptable, she

is convinced that more people want to learn Ho-Chunk and more people are speaking it in everyday conversation. "It's growing. It's exciting."

## Nijikuusra Community School

Governance Board Regular Meeting  
January 17, 2011 – 5:30 pm

Held at Alexander Middle School Office Conference Room



## Haapra jaasgajee?

What is the day like?

## Waahuhijee.

It's snowing.



# Niikuusra Community School

Submitted by  
Students of the Niikuusra Community School

The Niikuusra Community School students work on a variety of projects and have participated in and learned the Ho-chunk Language, history and culture. They have all learned the art of making moccasins from traditional tanned deer hide. The following are their own activity and learning projects.



Faculty and students of the Niikuusra Community School.

The Charter school has a schedule that we follow every day. We set goals for the day and if we complete our goals every day of the week in return we receive treats. I really like having goals because it keeps me on task and keeps everybody working their best. We work on projects all day and as of right now I am working on four projects: One art project-I am studying Surrealism; one reading project I am doing with another student; one self-designed project-it's on the topic of teen depression and anxiety; one more self-designed project-the topic is on Human Behavior-Personalities, I am finding a lot of information on that topic.

*Submitted by Kaitlynn Dakota.*

At the Charter School the projects that I am working on and finished are Beethoven, Fry bread, the Venus Flytrap, etc. I have fun but at the same time it's also hard mostly because you have to log your time, write papers using a variety of words and you have to be motivated. We also get assessed but in the end it's usually worth it because we get a reward on Fridays.

*Submitted by Tya Ruiz.*

Niikuusra School is actually fun but it's sometimes hard. We learn a lot. It's different from other schools. I'm working on a project about tornados. I finished my other projects about Pompeii and Origami. Every day we follow the Niikuusra schedule.

*Submitted by Honey Dakota.*

Over the past couple of months I have started several projects such as: Bismuth, Haiti, Origami, JFK's assassination, Impressionism and genetic disorders. My genetic disorders project is my most recent and largest project because there are many different disorders that have their own symptoms. I have finished and assessed several of my projects.

*Submitted by Camryn Collins.*



# Team Wisconsin softball

Tracy Pecore  
Newsletter Editor

On December 27-28, the Wisconsin girls softball Indigenous teams went head to head in their first tournament held at the Wisconsin Dells Center (one of the largest indoor facilities in the Midwest), located at the Chula Vista Resort and Convention Center with six teams registered.

In preparation to the United States Indigenous Games that will be held in Milwaukee in July, 2011, the following age groups will be recognized: U14 – 13-14 years of age, U16 – 15-16 years of age, and U19 – 17-19 years of age. Any team member who turns 20 years old as of December 31, 2010 will not be eligible to play. Those that do have birthdays prior to the games will be eligible for the upper grade.

"Age group wise, some of the girls on the U16 team are still 14 and will be turning 15," said Head Coach Nikole Oknewski. She said it was a good learning experience because the girls played against

a lot of 18-20 year olds, including the U19 Team Wisconsin.

For a lot of the girls, this was the first time playing an actual game together so there was a lot of moving around of players to see where they best fit. Due to some participating in hockey and basketball, the whole team was not available so they did pick-up a few girls that were not on the team.

Coach Oknewski plans to have a practice at least once per month beginning in February either in Green Bay, Appleton, or possibly Wisconsin Dells. Near the end of February they will be heading to Greenfield for a batting clinic with help from the coach of Team Ignites from Greenfield.

Although the USIG are right around the corner, there is still a lot of work to be done to get these girls in shape and working as a team, along with getting their bats going. Coach Oknewski said she would like to get the girls into at least one or more tournaments where all of the girls can play together; sometime



Team Wisconsin (U16 ages 15-16) and Head Coach Nikole Oknewski.

in May or June.

"The Girls had a good time and enjoyed watching everyone play. They are looking forward to the next tournament," said Coach Oknewski. She would also like to say pinagigi to Dan Stacy from Tomah's Hardware Hank for donating the jerseys, to Jeff McCrawford from Potawatomi for the entry fee donations, and to the parents and extra coaches who have helped assist thus far.

Ho-Chunk girls participating on the U16 are: Heleyna Brinegar, Maleana Cloud, Katie Pettibone, Anissa Flick, Zayta Thundercloud, and Jasmine Collins. Good luck ladies!



(On the right) Head Coach Nikole Oknewski and team Wisconsin players watch the flip hop hoping for a "home team" call.



Team Wisconsin warms up for their double header.

## Relative placement is so important

Submitted by  
Jackie Moen-Kadlec,  
Certified Social Worker -  
Ho-Chunk Nation CFS

The safety of children is of primary focus for the HCN Child and Family Services Division. When a child's safety is at risk, due to alcohol or drug addictions, mental health diagnoses, or other challenges their parents are facing, then out of home placement may be necessary. When children are removed from the home, CFS first looks at fit and willing relatives to provide care for the children. Relative placement in general, provides children under the legal custody of HCN Child and Family Services, the opportunity to remain with extended family rather than being placed in a non-relative placement or foster care. Relative placement reduces the trauma of children being removed from the care

of their parents when parents cannot safely provide care themselves.

Relative care of children is an important and integral part of both the Ho-Chunk culture and the kinship system. Without this important aspect of kinship, so many traditions could be lost, as well as the identity of the Ho-Chunk children. Most relative placements allow the child to remain in their home community and school, which allows them to maintain existing relationships. Relative placement also provides an ease of parent-child visitation.


CFS wishes to thank all of the relatives who are caring for the children who are not currently being raised by their parents. If you are interested in becoming a Relative Placement or a Placement Parent, please contact Jackie Moen-Kadlec at (715)-284-9851, extension 5084 for further details. Both Relative Placements and Placement

Parents are required to have Federal Criminal Background Checks (fingerprints) and may not have any felony convictions on their records or may

not have been charged with two or more violent related misdemeanors within the last five years. (25 U.S.C. "Indian Child Protection and Family

Violence Prevention Act") see pg. 6 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Children, Family Welfare Code.





### Wahooceeki gra Daycare

Wahooceekigra Daycare is now accepting enrollment applications for children ages 6 weeks to 16 months!

Wahooceeki gra Daycare is a Hočąk language immersion daycare located in Tomah, WI with the sole purpose of preserving our native Hočąk language by creating fluent speakers.

We are open Monday through Thursday, 7am to 5pm.

To obtain an application, please contact Wahooceekigra Daycare at 608-372-5060 or request by email: bonniebird@ho-chunk.com  
Application Deadline is: February 4, 2011

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING -  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
DECEMBER 21 & 22, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 10:11 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)  
Vice President Daniel Brown(EX)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(P)  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)  
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)  
Rep. James Greendeer(P)  
Rep. John Holst(P)  
Rep. Hope Smith(EX)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.  
VIA telephone 10:45  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(EX)  
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)  
**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**  
Quorum was established  
**OPENING PRAYER:** The opening prayer was offered by Rep. Roberta Decorah.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**Legislative Meeting- December 7, 2010**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. John Holst. 7-0-2(Rep. Walker, Jr., & Greengrass) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Special Legislative Meeting – December 10, 2010**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the Special Legislative Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. John Holst. 6-2(Reps. TwoBears & Decorah)-1(Rep. Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Rep. Blackdeer leaves the room at 10:40 a.m.**  
**Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., phones in at 10:45 a.m.**

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:  
Administration Meeting – December 9, 2010**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the Administration Committee Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2010 with corrections. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 8-0-1(Rep. Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Troy Rave Race Car Sponsorship**  
Rodney Rave will attend all area meetings to seek support for Troy Rave's race car endeavor.

**Susie Decorah Request**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to table the Susie Decorah request for further information. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 6-1(Rep. TwoBears)-2(Reps. Holst & Pettibone) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**VA HOP Update – Robert Mann**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Roberta Decorah to have Legislative Counsel and Department of Justice research the Resolutions pertaining to the Veteran's and Housing issue (end dates). Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Rep. Blackdeer returns at 12:16 p.m.**

**Recess for Lunch**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The meeting recesses for lunch at 12:18 p.m.*

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called back to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 1:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

President Wilfrid Cleveland(P)  
Vice President Daniel Brown(P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer(P)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass(EX)  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone(P)  
Rep. Roberta Decorah(P)  
Rep. James Greendeer  
(1:31 p.m.)  
Rep. John Holst(P)  
Rep. Hope Smith(EX)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker Jr.(EX)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn(P)  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit(EX)  
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle(P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears(P)  
**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**  
Quorum was established.  
**Rep. James Greendeer arrives at 1:31 p.m.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Options for New Legislative Committees – Mike Murphy**  
**MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to table the options for New Legislative Committees for further review. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Amendment to the Agenda**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to amend the agenda to address the Susie Decorah issue. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Rep. Roberta Decorah is excused at 2:10 p.m.**

**Susie Decorah Request**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to approve \$15,531.46 from the Charitable Contribution line item for floor, roof & windows, payable to vendor due to her being a disabled tribal member. Second by Rep. John Holst. 6-0-2(Reps. Blackdeer & TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NIGC Consultation**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to authorize any interested Legislator and Legislative Counsel to coordinate with the Gaming Commission, Department of Justice and/or President's Office in order to attend one or more of the NIGC consultations from January 11, 2011 to February 3, 2011. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Quick Passage Amendment to Legislative Organization Act**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to remove the Quick Passage Amendment to Legislative Organization Act from the agenda. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution – Confirmation of Joann Maney as District 5 Ethics Review Member**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution 12-21-10 A – Confirmation of Joann Maney as District 5 Ethics Review Member. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution – Quick Passage to the Finance Manual**  
**MOTION** by V.P. Daniel Brown to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution 12-21-10 B – Quick Passage to the Finance Manual. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution – Authorizing the Tribal Aging Unit Energy Assistance Program Guidelines**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution 12-21-10 C – Authorizing the Tribal Aging Unit Energy Assistance Program Guidelines. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution – Transportation Improvement Plan 12/10**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution 12-21-10 D – Transportation Improvement Plan 12/10. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution – County Highway G Appraisals**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution 12-21-10 E – County Highway G Appraisals. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Elder & Insurance Work Group**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to establish a Work Group for the elder/disabled insurance. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 6-1(Rep. TwoBears)-1(Rep. Blackdeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District Concerns:**

**Rep. Blackdeer leaves the room at 2:38 p.m.**

**District 1:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to refer the District 1 meeting minute motion to support Ken Lewis' race car request in the amount of \$10,000.00 and have him reconcile the end of the year and follow him on face book to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Blackdeer was out of the room.*  
**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to refer the District 1 meeting minute motion to support BRF HS

Girls Hockey Team request of \$10,075.25 for locker boxes/cubbies to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. John Holst. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Blackdeer was out of the room.*  
**FYI:** For the District 1 representatives present this resolution (Declaring Ho-Chunk Lands as Nuclear-Free Zones) to the full Legislative support.  
**Rep. Blackdeer returns at 3:14 p.m.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to refer the District 1 meeting minute motion to improve the food at the buffet and recommend the hiring of certified chef to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to refer the District 1 meeting minute motion to investigate why the quality of food has gone down and food prices increased to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to refer the District 1 meeting minute motion to bring back the breakfast seven days a week to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 2 – Baraboo**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to have an announcement/article in the Hock Wok to the amount of money spent on each HeadStart per area to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FYI:** to stop any funding or sponsorship negotiations with Troy Rave for his NASCAR hobby request.

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to refer the District 2 Baraboo meeting minute motion to have the Director of Business, Greg Garvin and appropriate staff members physically view the facility and to address the continuous water leaking issue at Ho-Chunk Casino to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 2 – La Crosse**

No Action  
**District 3 – Wittenberg**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion to have a certified teacher for the Wittenberg area to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to table the Wittenberg area meeting minutes. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 3 – Wisconsin Dells**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Dells meeting minute motion to have Robert Fox, Director of Hospitality look into getting the room rates changes back for the tribal elders, seven days a week to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Dells meeting minute motion to lower the tent rental and attach a per capita attachment for loss or damages waiver for chairs/tables, \$200 for large tent, plus table and chairs and \$150 for smaller tent plus table and chairs and \$100 deposit to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 7-0-1 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FYI:** That the Nation doesn't provide any more funding for race car driver, Troy Rave.

**District 3 – Wisconsin Rapids**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion to enforce Ho-Chunk Hiring practices at all Ho-Chunk Nation establishments across the board to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids meeting minute motion to request that Laurel Sackett Meek attend the next area meeting to clarify guidelines pertaining to the HeadStart Center to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 3 Wisconsin

Rapids meeting minute motion that in lieu of bingo packets that the Elders receive meals on the weekends for the Rapids area only to the Office of the President. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 4 – Milwaukee**

**FYI:** To have all Enrollment resolutions first on the agenda for all General Councils

**MOTION** by V.P. Daniel Brown to refer the District 4 meeting minute motion that while Pat Schulz was on her way to the Enrollment meeting on December 13, 2010 and cancelled while traveling is paid her stipend and mileage from Enrollment department to the Enrollment Committee. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by V.P. Daniel Brown to refer the District 4 meeting minute motion that Enrollment Committee election of Officers should be from Enrollment Committee rather than a person from Enrollment department staff who is not elected from District areas to the Enrollment Committee. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by V.P. Daniel Brown to refer the District 4 meeting minute motion that Enrollment Committee meets before March 24, 2011 to have Pat Schulz sworn in the Enrollment Committee. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by V.P. Daniel Brown to refer the District 4 meeting minute motion that the Business Department return to area on January 13, 2011 at 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by V.P. Daniel Brown to refer the District 4 meeting minute motion that BRF basketball court be fixed to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 3 – Wittenberg**  
**FYI:** That the HCN President also include the Eagle Feather issue in the HCN list of priority issues at the Tribal Nation's Conference  
**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion to have Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature fund youth representatives Trenton Littlegeorge, Dane Walker, and chaperones to attend the required meetings in support of their respective positions to the Finance Committee. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion that the Ho-Chunk Nation provide funding for youth counseling in the Wittenberg area to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**FYI:** To approve the Shawano County Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Law Enforcement Agreement for 2011.

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion that HHCDA submit a monthly report to Legislature to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. John Holst. 7-0-1(Rep. Clarence Pettibone) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 3 Wittenberg meeting minute motion to remove Myrna Littlewolf as delegate to the Election Board. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to approve \$500.00 payable to half-way house from the Charitable Contributions line item to assist tribal members in attending the Minneapolis American Indian Center Pow Wow. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 7-0-1(Rep. Red Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District 5**

**NO REQUESTS WERE SUBMITTED**  
**Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution – Confirmation of Michael Sallaway as District 2 Ethics Review Board Member**  
**MOTION** by Rep. James Greendeer to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution – 12-21-10 F Confirmation of Michael Sallaway as District 2 Ethics Review Board Member. Second by Rep. John Holst. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**CONFERENCE APPROVALS**

**Housing Needs Assessment Outreach Session – Hollywood, FL**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve any Legislator to attend the Housing Needs Assessment Outreach Session in Hollywood, FL, February 23 – 24, 2011. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Tribal Actions to Encourage Private Investment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve any Legislator to attend the Tribal Actions to Encourage Private Investment. Session 1: January 11-12, 2011 in Oklahoma City, Session 2: January 19-20, 2011 in Ft. Lauderdale Beach, FL, Session 3: February 15-16, 2011 in Phoenix, AZ. Second by Rep. Patrick Red Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for Improvement to Wazee Area Waste-water Treatment Plant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution 12-21-10 G – Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for Improvement to Wazee Area Waste-water Treatment Plant. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Designation of Authorized Representative to File applications for Financial Assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Resolution – 12-21-10 H Designation of Authorized Representative to file applications for Financial Assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session**

**MOTION** by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. V.P. Daniel Brown. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *The meeting goes into Executive Session at 4:00 p.m.*

*Rep. Greg Littlejohn leaves the room at 5:15 p.m.*

*Rep. James Greendeer leaves the room at 5:19 p.m.*

*Quorum was lost during Executive Session at 5:20 p.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING -  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
DECEMBER 22, 2010**

**ROLL CALL:**

President Wilfrid Cleveland (P)  
Vice President Daniel Brown (P)  
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)  
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (EX)  
Rep. Clarence Pettibone (P)  
Rep. Roberta Decorah (P)  
Rep. James Greendeer (P)  
Rep. John Holst (P)  
Rep. Hope Smith (10:15)  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. (EX)  
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)  
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit (EX)  
Rep. Patrick Red Eagle (P)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears (P)  
**Reps. TwoBears, Littlejohn & Pettibone leave the room at 1:40 p.m.**

**Open Session**

**MOTION** by V.P. Daniel Brown to return to Open Session. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Reps. TwoBears, Littlejohn & Pettibone were out of the room.*

**Ratification of Executive Session**  
**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to ratify all actions to taken in Executive Session. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting returns to Open Session at 1:45 p.m.*  
**Reps. TwoBears, Littlejohn & Pettibone were out of the room.**

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Rep. John Holst to adjourn the meeting until January 4, 2011, the meeting is to be held at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by V.P. Daniel Brown. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Reps. TwoBears, Littlejohn & Pettibone were out of the room.*  
*The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Hope B. Smith  
Tribal Secretary  
Darcy Funmaker  
Recording Secretary



# NOTICE AND RULES OF GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Ordinance 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

3. Elections, c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.

(1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election with three(3) or more candidates in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e, above.

(2) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast in such Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (and any candidates) tied with the lower of such totals shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the General Election or Runoff Election. (3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Ordinance and in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF FOUR (4) YEARS WILL BE VACANT:

President  
July 2011 – June 2015  
Legislature  
District 1:  
Seat 2  
District 2:  
July 2011 – June 2015  
Seat 1  
District 3:  
July 2011 – June 2015  
Seat 1  
District 4:  
July 2011 – June 2015  
Seat 1  
District 5:  
July 2011 – June 2015  
Seat 2  
  
SUPREME COURT  
Associate Justice 2  
Four (4) Year Term  
July 2011 – June 2015

#### NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Members or the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office shall submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 Filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board office before the close of the nomination period on Friday, January 7, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTION BOARD. To be eligible for Legislative Office, candidates must comply with 6c of the Election Ordinance which states, "...candidates have

resided for at least one (1) year immediately prior to filing the petition declaring her/his candidacy...Residency is defined as the permanent physical address stated on the periodic Address

Verification Forms, and possess a four-year baccalaureate degree conferred by an accredited institution of higher education. This requirement shall only impact candidates for the Legislature for all elections occurring after June 20, 2009.

#### ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See Election Board Ordinance Sec. 9 (b).

#### REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place by showing identification before receiving an Official Ballot.

If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

#### ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Page 20 Section 2, (Deadline Wednesday, February 16, 2011).

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board  
206 South Roosevelt Road  
P.O. Box 756  
Black River Falls, WI. 54615  
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900  
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583  
FAX NUMBER(715)284-8600  
E-MAIL:  
Election.board@ho-chunk.com

Deadline to challenge the candidates (s) list to Election Board is Thursday, February 17, 2011 @ 4:30 p.m.

#### ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Thursday, March 3, 2011 by 4:00 P.M. See Election Board Ordinance, Page 13, sec. 11 a(1) Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

REFLECTS REDISTRICTING CHANGES EFFECTIVE FOR PRIMARY & GENERAL ELECTION. Please check eligible voter's lists for your Districts.



Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. NOTE THAT FEDEX AND UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.

#### POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

#### CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court.

#### ELECTIONEERING:

There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

### GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY Tuesday, March 8, 2011

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION  
Wednesday, December 8, 2010

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST  
Sunday, February 6, 2011

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE  
VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED  
PRIOR TO 4:30 PM

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

LAST DAY TO REQUEST  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS  
Thursday, March 3, 2011  
4:00 PM

## GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

## POLLING PLACES:

OPEN AT 8:00 A.M. AND  
CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.

• **BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI**  
TRIBAL AGING UNIT  
INDIAN MISSION  
715/284-0811

• **TOMAH, WI**  
TRIBAL AGING UNIT  
358 EOS ROAD  
608/372-4547

• **LA CROSSE, WI**  
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE  
724 MAIN STREET  
608/783-6025

• **BARABOO, WI**  
HOUSE OF WELLNESS  
52845 WHITEEAGLE ROAD  
608/355-1254

• **WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI**  
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM. BLD.  
916 CHAK-HAH-CHEE LANE  
715/886-5444

• **WITTENBERG, WI**  
TRIBAL AGING UNIT  
W17956 WITT-BIRN TOWNLINE ROAD  
715/253-3536

• **CHICAGO, IL**  
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE  
5744 W IRVING PARK RD  
773/202-8433

• **MILWAUKEE, WI**  
MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE  
3501 S. HOWELL AVENUE  
414/747-8680

• **ST PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS, MN**  
MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH OFFICE  
1821 UNIVERSITY AVE.  
Suite 409 N  
651/641-1801

• **MADISON, WI**  
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE  
1320 MENDOTA STREET  
608/277-9741  
608/277-9964

• **WISCONSIN DELLS, WI**  
INDIAN HEIGHTS BLDG.  
N9557 Dyer Avenue  
WIS. DELLS, WI.  
715/299-6104

• **GREEN BAY, WI**  
PARISH HALL  
2936 Freedom Road  
ONEIDA, WI.  
920/869-1059

### SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

**Bethany Littlejohn, Petitioner, v. Hunter Littlejohn, Respondent.**  
Case : CS10-55

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Hunter Littlejohn

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

### SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

**Black River Memorial Hospital, Petitioner, v. Roslind Falcon, Respondent.**  
Case : CG10-123

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Roslind Falcon

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, Rule 54.

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# January is Radon Action Month

Submitted by  
Pamela Thunder, RS - Tribal Sanitarian

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that when in the outdoor environment is harmless. Radon gas is formed during the natural decay of uranium in soils and rock. Radon can accumulate to higher more dangerous levels when trapped in your home. It enters the home through small cracks and crevices in your foundations or other openings such as a sump.

Radon has been found in elevated levels in homes in every state. No area of the country is free from the risk. The gas was first studied when uranium miners were exposed to high levels during the mining process.

**Why should my family be concerned about radon?** Radon gas exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths. It is estimated that it is

responsible for about 21,000 cases of lung cancer each year in the United States. Radon gas exposure is 25 times more dangerous if you smoke.

**How can I protect my family?** It's easy start by testing your home! It is recommended that all homes be tested at least using a short term charcoal test kit. This kit is very simple to use and can be found at local hardware stores or through the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Environmental Health. Simply open the kit and place the unit on the lowest living level of your home in a location away from doors, windows, and vents. Package the test kit unit up in the prepaid envelope after 72 hours and send it to the laboratory for analysis. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that homes tested above 4.0 pCi/L should be evaluated by the Environmental Health Department. The home may require long term testing or possibly remediation.

Existing homes can be remediated by creating additional ventilation for the radon gas to exit your home along with sealing up all cracks and crevices in the basement of your home. New homes can also be built using radon resistant construction techniques which include using approved grading materials, installation of soil gas collection system, proper sheeting, proper sealing of foundations, and ventilation pipes.

It's important to your health and the health of your family, test, fix, save a life!



In Wisconsin the counties highlighted in red are in Zone 1, which is an area with high radon potential.

The counties highlighted in orange are located in Zone 2, which is an area with moderate radon potential.

## Three new Ford Fusion Hybrids arrive

Submitted by Lynette LeGarde  
HCN Director of Transportation

The Division of Transportation is on the track to a greener world. We have recently added 3 Ford Fusion Hybrids to the fleet. This is an effort to conserve the natural resources and preserve the environment. The history behind the hybrid movement for the Ho-Chunk Nation really began in 2009 when hybrids continued growing in popularity.

The Transportation Division started on the green initiative by trying out the 2010 Honda Insight. The Honda Company released the first Insight Model in 1999, which was also the first hybrid car to be introduced to the U.S. mass market. The Division of Transportation now has 5 Ford Fusion Hybrids in addition to the original 2010 Honda Insight.

The Ford Fusion Hybrids offer an MPG of 41/36 (City/Highway) which surpasses the standard Ford Fusion's MPG of 23/33. HCN Business Project Manager, Cindy Thundercloud feels, "The hybrids offer awesome gas mileage. They save us money which is important especially now with the prices of gas going up. Hybrids are the way to go. Fleet drivers need to get past brand loyalty and focus on the savings and economics."

The hybrids also provide a feature known as Silent Key Start. Which means that the car may be completely silent after the engine is started; there is a Ready to Drive indicator light on the driving display. This light lets you know that the car is ready to go.

HCN District V Legislator, Kathy Lonetree-Whit-rabbit states, "I think the hybrids have come a long way since they started. I like the hybrids because they are a quiet, clean ride. They handle very well." Jennifer Kearnes, HCN Federal Programs Director says, "I think the hybrids are awesome. I want one. They handle really well and they are easy on gas."

The new technology adds a new dimension to the Division. HCN Transportation Mechanic, Mark Potaracke advises, "The reason you buy hybrids is to save money. Hybrids save money as long as you drive them as you're supposed to with smooth accelerations, steady and constant speeds with no rapid accelerations." This is a very exciting venture for the Transportation Division. This change is a positive step towards a better, brighter, and greener future.



Ford Fusion Hybrid

16th Annual Forest County Potawatomi

## Winter's End POW WOW

**Saturday & Sunday  
March 19 & 20, 2011**

**Wabeno High School Gymnasium,  
Wabeno, WI, Hwy. 32**

**Grand Entry:**  
Saturday 1 & 7 p.m. • Sunday 1 p.m.  
**Saturday & Sunday Feast: 5 p.m.**

**10 Pre-Registered Drums Only**  
No Walk-Ins • No Drum Hopping  
Must have at least 5 Singers Per Drum

**For Vendors**  
Contact Brian Tupper at 715-478-7420  
**Only Native American Crafts & Vendors**  
Limited Space

**MC: Artley Skenandore**  
**Arena Director: Nathan Morris**  
**Head Male Dancer: Jonathan Johnson**  
**Head Female Dancer: Anitra Pemma**

**HOST DRUM:**  
**NORTHERN CREE**

**SPECIAL:**  
1) Men's Traditional  
2) Womens "Old Time Scrub"  
3) Youth Hand Drum Special  
4) Clown Dance Special  
**12 Years and Up, Saturday Night Session**

**Princess, Jr. Princess,  
and Brave Contest**  
**Friday, March 18, 2011, 7 p.m.**  
Must be DESCENDANTS  
of Forest County Potawatomi  
Contact Ruth Pemma at (715) 889-1334

**For Hotel Info, Contact**  
Stephany Shepard (715) 478-4433

**RAFFLES • HONORARIUMS • GIVEAWAYS • NO Alcohol or Drugs • Not Responsible for Lost or Stolen Items**



# Madison Electronic Poker Room opens

Submitted by Dave Abangan, Director of Marketing – Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison

Along with the usual New Year's Eve festivities at the facility, a ribbon cutting ceremony took place that officially opened a new electronic poker (ePoker) room at the Class II facility in Madison. Free hors d'oeuvres and beverages were served to the guests all evening who celebrated the opening and beginning of 2011.

The elegantly designed

non-smoking room will highlight Texas Hold 'em and Omaha style games and have a dedicated staff to enhance the experience of the players. "ePoker allows Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison to offer the traditional game of poker to the players of Madison, in the most efficient way possible," said Carole Lastrup, Executive Manager for Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison. "We've had numerous requests for poker from local players and our newly constructed poker room rivals any in the Midwest."

ePoker combines the face-to-face interaction and competition between players seen in traditional poker, and the accuracy and speed of online poker.

Players at electronic poker tables do not play against the computer or gaming establishment; they play against each other. ePoker is a non-banked game; the house keeps only the published rake (portion of the pot). ePoker tables are similar in appearance to traditional poker tables however they do not require a human dealer, cards or chips. The tables have colorful, animated, graphic representations of actual playing cards, chips and dealer buttons.

"We are very happy and excited to offer electronic Class II Poker, it was a natural fit with Class II electronic bingo. The area has quite a few poker players that have embraced this new technology," said Table Games Manager Casey Fitzpatrick. "We are thrilled with the capabilities of this new system, more hands per hour translate into additional revenue generated for Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison."



From left, Director of Marketing Dave Abangan, Executive Manager Carole Lastrup, and Table Operations Manager Casey Fitzpatrick.



Electronic poker table at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison.

Initial operating hours for the room are 10am – 4am seven days a week, and a frequent tournament schedule is planned. Visit [www.ho-chungaming.com](http://www.ho-chungaming.com) to learn more about ePoker at the facility.

## January 2011: Glaucoma Awareness Month

### *Early detection means vision protection*

Submitted by Neyal J. Ammary-Risch, M.P.H., CHES - Director of the National Eye Health Education Program at the National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health.

A silent disease is taking away the sight of millions of Americans. It's called glaucoma and it can slowly reduce eyesight and may cause blindness.

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that can damage the optic nerve. The most common form is primary open-

angle glaucoma (POAG). An estimated 2.2 million Americans have been diagnosed with POAG and an additional 2 million have glaucoma and don't know it.

There are often no symptoms or pain associated with the onset of glaucoma. As it progresses, a person may notice his or her side vision decreasing.

As the glaucoma worsens, the field of vision narrows and blindness may result.

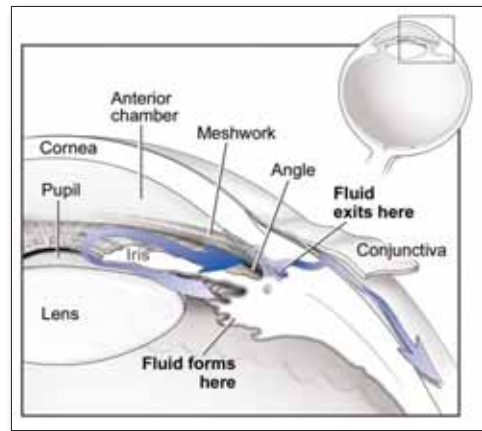
Dr. Paul A. Sieving, director of vision research at the National Institutes of Health,

said, "Vision lost because of glaucoma cannot be restored, which is why early detection is so important. If glaucoma is detected early, there is treatment available to slow or stop vision loss and reduce the risk of blindness."

Glaucoma can be detected through a dilated eye exam. A dilated eye exam allows an eye care professional to see inside the eye to check for signs of glaucoma and other vision problems. Treatment options for glaucoma include medicines, laser surgery, conventional surgery, or a combination of any of these.

While anyone can get glaucoma, the National Eye Institute (NEI) encourages those at higher risk to get a dilated eye exam every one to two years. Individuals at higher risk include African Americans over age 40; everyone over age 60, especially Mexican Americans; and people with a family history of glaucoma. NEI, one of the Federal government's National Institutes of Health, conducts and supports research that leads to sight-saving treatments and plays a key role in reducing visual impairment.

To help spread the message about glaucoma in January, NEI has developed a series of



The picture illustrates what happens on the inside of the eye when a person gets glaucoma. Glaucoma is caused by slow fluid drainage that builds up on the eye and damages the optic nerve.

e-cards that people can send as reminders about the importance of dilated eye exams in reducing the risk of vision loss. For more information about glaucoma or to send an e-card to family members or friends at risk for glaucoma, visit the NEI Website at [www.nei.nih.gov/glaucoma](http://www.nei.nih.gov/glaucoma).

"If you are at higher risk for glaucoma, a dilated eye exam is key to protecting your vision. Contact your local eye care professional and make an appointment for a dilated eye exam today," Dr. Sieving urged. "Encourage friends and loved ones to do the same."



A photo of how a person with glaucoma may see things.

# MARCH MADNESS

## BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**March 4-6, 2011**



**TEAM CHECK-IN:** 10am - 8pm, Thursday, March 3, 2011

- **ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES MUST CHECK-IN ON MARCH 3RD! NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
- **TOURNAMENT PLAY BEGINS AT 7AM, FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011**

- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** 7pm on Friday, February 18th
- **REGISTRATION FEE:** \$500 for Men's teams, \$350 for Women's teams
- 10 Player max per team
  - All players must be at least 18 years old and out of high school
  - All players must show proof of tribal enrollment
- 16 Men's Teams
- 8 Women's Teams
- March Madness Hotline is 888-552-7889, ext. 5602
- Admission Fees:
  - 17 and under FREE
  - Adults 18-59 \$10/weekend, \$5/day
  - Elders 60 and over FREE

### • SPECIAL EVENTS

- Little Hoopsters  
Saturday (3/5) Noon - 1pm
- 3-point Shoot-Out  
Sunday (3/6) Noon - 12:30pm
- Slam Dunk  
Sunday (3/6) 12:30pm - 1pm

### • PRIZE MONEY

- Men: 4 places;
- Women: 3 places;



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**HOUSE OF WELLNESS**

# JANUARY

**GROUP FITNESS SCHEDULE**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 AM CYCLING W/SCOTT (1 HR)	5:15 AM CYCLING W/RICH (1 HR)	5:15 AM CYCLING W/RICH (1 HR)	5:30 AM CORE TRAINING W/JOE (45MIN)	5:45 AM CYCLING W/CLAY
10:00 AM CORE TRAINING W/JOE (1 HR)	5:30 AM CORE TRAINING W/JOE (45MIN)	10:00 AM CORE TRAINING W/JOE (1 HR)	9:00 AM CYCLING W/JOE (1 HR)	    <b>CLASS DESCRIPTIONS</b>
5:00 PM BEG. YOGA W/ JODEL (1 HR)	9:00 AM CYCLING W/JOE (1 HR)	5:00 PM BEG. YOGA W/ JODEL (1 HR)	11:30 AM BEG. YOGA W/JODEL (1 HR)	
5:30 PM CYCLING W/BILL (1 HR)	11:30 AM BEG. YOGA W/JODEL (1 HR)	5:30 PM CYCLING W/BILL (1 HR)	6:00 PM FULL BODY FITNESS W/ ERIC (45 MIN)	
6:30 PM CIRCUIT TRAINING W/TJ (45MIN)	6:00 PM FULL BODY FITNESS W/ ERIC (45 MIN)	6:30 PM CIRCUIT TRAINING W/TJ (45MIN)		

**NEW AQUATIC CLASS SCHEDULE!**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 AM - 1 PM FAMILY FUN DAY TUBES, BEACH BALLS	9:00 AM STROKE REFINEMENT (30 MIN)	9:30 AM WARM WATER THERAPY EXERCISES (45 MIN)	9:00 AM STROKE REFINEMENT (30 MIN)	10:00 AM DEEP WATER AQUA STRETCH (30 MIN)	9:30 AM WARM WATER THERAPY EXERCISES (45 MIN)	11 AM - 1 PM FAMILY FUN DAY TUBES, BEACH BALLS
2 LANES WILL BE OPEN FOR CIRCLE LAP SWIM	5:30 PM BEGINNING WATER AEROBICS (45 MIN)	3:00 PM STROKE REFINEMENT (30 MIN)	5:30 PM BEGINNING WATER AEROBICS (45 MIN)	3:00 PM ADVANCED WATER AEROBICS W/CHERYL (30 MIN)		2 LANES WILL BE OPEN FOR CIRCLE LAP SWIM

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

**CYCLING** – GET A HEART-POUNGING YET LOW IMPACT WORKOUT WITH THIS INDOOR GROUP CYCLING CLASS WHILE MAINTAINING THE ABILITY TO GO YOUR OWN PACE WITH NO COMPLICATED MOVEMENTS TO LEARN. (LIMITED BIKE AVAILABILITY) (1HR)

**CORE TRAINING** – LEARN BASIC TECHNIQUES TO STRENGTHEN AND DEVELOP CORE STABILIZERS AND MOVERS FOR ENHANCING BALANCE, STABILITY, POSTURE, MOVEMENT EFFICIENCY AND INJURY PREVENTION. (45-60 MIN)

**BEG. YOGA** – IMPROVE BALANCE, FLEXIBILITY, ENHANCE CIRCULATION AND REDUCE STRESS IN THIS SIMPLE VINYASA STYLE PROGRAM INVOLVING MATWORK FLOOR EXERCISES. (1HR)

**CIRCUIT TRAINING** – IMPROVE CARDIO/RESPIRATORY AND MUSCLE ENDURANCE IN THIS CALISTHENICS BASED CLASS STRUCTURED TO PROVIDE A WHOLE BODY WORKOUT. (45 MIN)

**FULL BODY FITNESS** – THIS CLASS BEGINS WITH A WARM UP ACTIVITY FOLLOWED BY A DYNAMIC STRETCHING ROUTINE MEANT TO IMPROVE BALANCE, FLEXIBILITY, AND STRENGTH. THEN MOVING INTO EXERCISES TO STRENGTHEN AND GROW YOUR MUSCLES. THE CLASS WILL WRAP UP WITH AN INTENSE CARDIO-VASCULAR WORKOUT WITH A COOL DOWN TO FINISH. (45 MIN)

**STROKE REFINEMENT** – A 30 MIN. CLASS FOCUSING ON STROKE TECHNIQUE, PROPER BREATHING AND WAYS TO BECOME A MORE EFFICIENT SWIMMER WORKING ON ALL SWIM STYLES. (30 MIN)

**WARM WATER THERAPY** – LET THE WARM WATER HELP IMPROVE FLEXIBILITY, RANGE OF MOTION, COORDINATION AND BALANCE. A NON IMPACT GENTLE WATER EXERCISE CLASS. (45 MIN)

**DEEP WATER AQUA STRETCH** – USING AQUA BELTS IN THE DEEP WATER FOR A FULL AEROBIC WORKOUT WITH RESISTANCE AND STRETCHING. (30 MIN)

**BEGINNING WATER AEROBICS** – A GREAT WATER AEROBIC CLASS FOR ANY AGE OR MOBILITY! (45 MIN)

**ADVANCED WATER AEROBICS** – THIS IS A FAST PACED, CHALLENGING CARDIO ENDURANCE CLASS WITH PERIODS OF REST USING A VARIETY EQUIPMENT FOR A FULL WORKOUT. (30 MIN)

**FAMILY FUN DAY** – JOIN US ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS AT 11AM – 1PM FOR FAMILY FUN WITH TUBES AND BEACH BALLS. 2 LANES WILL BE OPEN FOR CIRCLE LAP SWIM. (2HR)

\*ALL CLASSES AND INSTRUCTORS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.  
\*PARTICIPANTS MUST ARRIVE ON TIME FOR CLASSES.  
\*A MINIMUM OF 2 PARTICIPANTS IS REQUIRED FOR CLASSES TO BEGIN.  
\*CLASSES WILL BE CANCELLED WITHIN 5 MINS OF CLASS START TIME IF THERE ARE NOT AT LEAST 2

## AQUATIC CLASS SCHEDULE

### JANUARY 2011

**NEW CLASSES**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Family Fun Day 11am-1pm Tubes, Beach Balls Family Fun	9am-9:30am Stroke Refinement	9:30am-10:15am Warm Water Therapy Exercises	9am-9:30am Stroke Refinement	10am-10:30am Deep Water Aqua Stretch	9:30am-10:15am Warm Water Therapy Exercises	Family Fun Day 11am-1pm Tubes, Beach Balls Family Fun
2 lanes will be open for circle lap swim	This 30 min. class will focus on stroke refinement, proper breathing technique and ways to become a more efficient swimmer. We will work on all strokes.	Let the warm water help improve flexibility, range of motion, coordination and balance. A nonimpact gentle water exercise. We will work on all strokes.	This 30 min. class will focus on stroke refinement, proper breathing technique and ways to become a more efficient swimmer. We will work on all strokes.	We will be using aqua belts in the deep water for a full aerobic workout with resistance and stretching.	Let the warm water help improve flexibility, range of motion, coordination and balance. A nonimpact gentle water exercise.	2 lanes will be open for circle lap swim
	5:30pm-6:15pm Beginning Water Aerobics	3pm-3:30pm Stroke Refinement	5:30pm-6:15pm Beginning Water Aerobics	3pm-3:30pm Advanced Water Aerobics w/ Cheryl		
	A great water aerobic class for any age or mobility	This 30 min. class will focus on stroke refinement, proper breathing technique and ways to become a more efficient swimmer. We will work on all strokes.	A great water aerobic class for any age or mobility	Fast paced, challenging, cardio-endurance workout with periods of rest. This class uses a variety of equipment for a full workout.		

**Blow Some Bubbles Bingo**

Competition begins Monday, January 3rd, 2011.

The last day to compete is Sunday January 23rd, 2011.

**See the Lifeguards to sign up!!!**

## Department of Administration Board of Directors Vacancies

The Department of Administration is currently seeking any individuals interested in filling the vacancies on the Department of Administration Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will serve in an advisory capacity to the Executive Director, be involved in the Department's strategic planning and consulted during the development of the Department's annual goals and objectives.

**Qualifications:** Board of Directors shall have the requisite skills, knowledge, and education to provide professional and expert advice and recommendations to the Executive Director, per 1 HCC § 2.

Interested individuals may submit their resume to the Department of Administration, PO Box 664, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

## Equipment available to all Tribal Members

Ten old Cash Centers for FREE and they would be great to use as a tool box. They are 4 Ft Wide and 3 Ft Deep. They are not in the best shape and a lift may be needed to move them (they are very heavy). They are not rust proof do not suggest placing them outside. One will fit into a regular side of a pick-up, and they can be set up to be locked.

Please respond by Tuesday, Jan 18, 2011.

They will need to be picked up by Wednesday, Jan 19 at Ho-Chunk Dock 1 in Baraboo.

If you have any questions, please contact: Pat Stadig, Fixed Asset/Inventory Custodian at the Ho-Chunk Casino, Bingo, Hotel, & Convention center at 608-356-6210 ext 2244.



## YOUTH SERVICES COLLABORATION COMMITTEE MEETING

### Agenda

10:30 am - 12:00  
pm YSCC meeting

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
Swearing In and  
Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 2:30  
p.m. Youth Council  
Meeting

**Date: Saturday,  
January 15, 2011**

**Time: 10:30 am**

**Location: Tomah Youth &  
Learning Center**

For more information contact:  
Lanette Walker (715) 253-3369 or  
Katie Funmaker (715) 284-2622



### National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course Friday, January 28, 2011

Offered to all Ho-Chunk Nation Employees  
8:00am – 12:00pm  
Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Room  
Presented by the Division of Transportation  
Please RSVP to the Division of Transportation @ 715-284-9343 Ext 1095  
Seating is Limited

## Project S.A.F.E. House Advisory Board meeting

January 15, 2011 - 10- 12 PM  
HCN Community Supportive Services Bldg.  
W 9036 Hwy 54, Black River Falls, WI  
715-284-2622 for any questions

### Agenda

- I. Sign in/Call to order by Libby Fairchild, Chairperson
- II. Welcome/Prayer
- III. Approve agenda
- IV. Meeting minutes approved
- V. Project SAFE House-Michelle Greendeer
  - a. 7871 non-profit resolution and bylaws
  - b. 7871 application process
- V. Program Report-Sherri Larsen
  - a. Introduction of DV Staff
  - b. Program Update
- VI. Other:
- VII. Adjourn to next meeting

### Niikuusra Community School Annual Application Deadlines:

- For Nekoosa residents received prior to May 1 will be considered for the start of the next school year.
  - Non-Nekoosa residents can complete an open enrollment in one of two ways:
    - On-line(recommended) at <http://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp>
    - Paper application may be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction or any School District and delivered (hand delivery is recommended) to the non-resident school during the application period.
- Current open enrollment period runs from February 1-19, 2011. Late applications cannot be accepted. Questions can be answered by calling 715/886-8000 or 886-8116.

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#### Food Distribution

#### Tailgate Distribution dates

	CLOSED FOR INVENTORY	NIZRA Wis Dells Wednesday	PACCINAK Wittenberg Wednesday	AHU CO Tomah Wednesday	CEX HACI Nekoosa Wednesday	
JANUARY: 2011	31st	5th	12th	19th	26th	New Year's Day
FEBRUARY: 2011	28th	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	
MARCH: 2011	31st	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	
APRIL: 2011	29th	6th	13th	20th	27th	Good Friday, Easter
MAY: 2011	31st	4th	11th	18th	25th	Memorial Day
JUNE: 2011	30th	1st	8th	15th	22nd	
JULY: 2011	29th	6th	13th	20th	27th	4th of July
AUGUST: 2011	31st	3rd	10th	17th	24th	
SEPTEMBER: 2011	30th	7th	14th	21st	28th	Labor Day
OCTOBER: 2011	31st	5th	12th	19th	26th	
NOVEMBER: 2011	30th	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Ho-Chunk Day
DECEMBER: 2011	30th	7th	14th	21st	28th	Christmas

Participants can apply for food at any location.

Fastest service is generally at the warehouse.

Located behind the Executive Offices and Ho Cak Health Clinic

HOURS 8:00am-4:30pm MONDAY-FRIDAY(Wednesday-tailgates)

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## Tom Hall retires

During a luncheon held on January 3 at the Executive Building, retiring Records Division Manager Tom Hall was recognized by friends and co-workers for his 18 years of service to the Nation.

Following his serving in the United States Army and working in private industry, an industrial accident gave Tom the opportunity to attend Chippewa Valley Technical College, where he earned an Associate's Degree in Records Management.

He began his "third career" with the Nation in January 1993 and is credited with starting and organizing the Nation's Record Division, now recognized as one of the best in Indian Country.

A resident of Eau Claire, WI, Tom plans on spending more time enjoying life with his wife Chris, his children and his grandchildren.



Tom Hall with some of the gifts presented by his co-workers and the Nation at his retirement luncheon.



**Happy 6th Birthday  
Johnny R. Cornelius!  
January 17, 2005**



Join us in celebrating Johnny's 6th Birthday on Sunday, January 16th, 2011 @ the Native American Church Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. There will be Devotions/Naming Ceremony @ Noon & Meal after Devotions. Services will be lead by Joe WhiteEagle. Name will be giving by Morgan WhiteEagle.

## 2010 RADD Marathon Team



We did it! With the Finish Line in the background, members of the 2010 RADD marathon team are all smiles following all the runners completing the 26.2 mile journey.



Current RADD members and a few "old timers" during a visit to the Arizona memorial at Pearl Harbor. Front row (l-r): Izzak Ortiz, Cyrus Ortiz, Cherish Lonetree, Amber Dowling, Nicole Yazzie, Jasmine Funmaker, Tiana Sargent, Britany Yazzie. Back (l-r): Joshua Cloud, Jr., Dana Lonetree, Waverly Bird, Justice Blackhawk, Tiana Pettibone.

**Ana Marina Cosme  
Happy 5th Birthday  
January 31, 2011**

Love from:  
Nani Celena, Mama,  
Gaga's, Cuwi's,  
Tega's and Brothers.



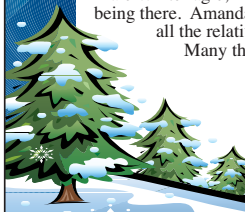
**Louise Ellen Decorah  
GIISKING GA  
"Clear Day"**

August 2, 2010 – November 8, 2010

I want to thank everyone who helped during our time of grief for my son Vincent Gar Decorah and his wife. Thank you to Marcus WhiteEagle and his helpers. A special thank you to Dale WhiteEagle, Helen Lonetree and June WhiteThunder for being there. Amanda Mann and her helpers for the meals. And all the relatives for their thoughts and prayers. Many thanks to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

God Bless you all.

Grandmother  
Rosalie J. Decorah



# Luther Lonetree retires after 30 years of police work



Fort Smith crime scene investigators Luther Lonetree, left, and Buddy Snell look for fingerprints at the scene of an apparent homicide.

Sara L. Peterson  
Staff Writer

Wisconsin born and raised tribal member Luther Lonetree has retired after dedicating 30 years of police service to the Fort Smith Police Department. He attended grade school in Portage and later moved to Wisconsin Dells when he was a freshman in high school. After graduating high school in 1969 he attended several colleges and achieved over 187 college credits.

On December 15, 1980 he was hired as a patrol officer for the Fort Smith Police Department in Arkansas. This began his 30 year career with the Fort Smith Police Department.

In 1984 Luther was promoted to Corporal in charge of training new officers. During the following years he continued furthering his skills to include certification in la-

tent finger printing and was later chosen for the Police Officer of the Year Award.

In 1988 he was promoted to the detective division and worked all major crimes from breaking and entering to homicide. He also became an Arkansas Law Enforcement Training officer. In 1990 he became an expert witness and testified in circuit court, state and federal court.

In 1991 Lonetree was promoted to Sergeant and was the Supervisor of Investigations. In this division he worked at all major crime scenes and assisted law enforcement in Arkansas and in Oklahoma. He was also published in the Journal of Forensic Sciences. Then in 1998 he was entitled with International for Identification Certified Latent Fingerprint Examiner. In 1998 there were less than 600 people internationally that held this title.

Throughout his years of service Luther states he has worked on over 15-25 homicide cases, 400-500 breaking and entering, and 400-500 burglaries and has investigated over 1200 deaths. Three of his cases were on Americas Most Wanted, and two were on Cold Case Files.

Now that Luther has retired he states, "I plan on doing contract work for law enforcement and the FBI." Luther has attained top secret clearance, meaning he can work on high profile cases. When asked what he enjoyed the most throughout his 30 years he replied, "I enjoyed being able to find the smallest amount of evidence, either a fingerprint or a single strand of hair that would put a criminal behind bars."

## What do you want to be when you grow up?

Tracy Pecore, Newsletter Editor

Ho-Chunk tribal member and veteran, Greg Greendeer, has spent the last 13 years serving with the Menominee Tribal Police. Born and raised in Chicago, IL, Greendeer is the Kunu of eight, including Jon, Michelle, Samantha, Marcus, Cherokee, Jessie, and Verna. His parents are Elaina (Ho-Chunk) and George Greendeer (Oneida).

Not knowing what he wanted to be when he grew up, Greendeer attended the University of Wisconsin Green Bay for 2 years and then enlisted into the United States Army in 1990 (after the start of the Gulf War and invasion of Iraq). He completed Basic Training at Fort Benning, Georgia and was a part of the 1st battalion 19 infantry.

After serving active duty, Greendeer transferred to a National Guard Unit in 1991 and worked with a Mechanized Infantry Unit. Serving a total of 10 years, Greendeer finished his term in 2001.

While in the Guard, Greendeer attended school at the Northwestern Technical College in Green Bay. He said he wanted to be happy with work and he worked many types of jobs but said he didn't get the challenge he was looking for. While attending NWTC and working odd end jobs, a friend of his, who was in the Police Science program at NWTC, was mistaken for a gang member and killed. At that time, that individual's father was the Chief of Police for the Menominee Tribal Police. Greendeer stated it opened his eyes and some people told him he would be good at being a police officer. His first thought was, "yeah right," but it got him moving in the right direction and he refocused and began taking classes in Police Science.

In order to fulfill his graduation requirement, Greendeer interned with the Green Bay Police Department in

the summer of 1998. That fall, he received his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from NWTC and immediately began working for the Menominee Tribal Police Department. He started as a basic patrol officer but within his first year he was promoted to Corporal. Currently, with 13 years under his belt, Greendeer now has the title of Sergeant for the Menominee tribal police.

Greendeer is also a field training officer assigned to training new officers and supervises the night and weekend officers. He also updates the Chief of Police and Detectives on current cases. Often times he will remain on the crime scene, especially if the FBI is contacted, because a lot of his work is within a Federal jurisdiction.

Because he took photography classes in college and has additional training at the State Crime Lab in Wausau, Greendeer often takes pictures at the crime scene. He has been certified by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Department of Justice, FBI, State Crime Lab and Wisconsin Tech College.

Today, Greendeer is married to Elizabeth Greendeer (Chippewa from the Sioux St. Marie tribe) and has two young kids (Logan and Sophia). Although he works nights and weekends, he loves his job and is still able to spend quality time with his family.

Greendeer mentioned that this type of work does affect your way of thinking. In ways he has helped people in life changing ways that he was unaware of until some years down the road when those individuals have approached him and let him know that he opened their eyes to better their future. He said, "It's not an easy job. Some you can help and some you don't. Career wise, it's not the easiest of jobs but it's something that when you make a career out of it you make it very fulfilling."



Menominee Tribal Police Sergeant and Ho-Chunk tribal member Greg Greendeer proudly wearing his Honor Guard uniform; worn while bringing in the colors at many special events.